

WILDERNESS CAMP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1973

In my opinion, Wilderness Camp was extremely well received. Primarily due to the two excellent counsellors, John Evans and Perry Olshansky. Their skills together with their maturity and understanding of people resulted in the success of this program.

In order to simplify this report I shall divide it into pertinent sections.

Program

The program consisted primarily of two basic skill areas of canoeing and campcraft. The canoeing sessions included Kamp Kanawana's "C" canoeing award plus additional skill training in singles, doubles, games, races, stunts and portaging.

Campcraft was also geared to a sophisticated "C" level with such areas covered as use of tools, tent erection, conservation, fires, maps and compass.

The instructing process was done with a game and competition approach, rather than formal instructions. I believe that each and every camper on this program improved their skills greatly due to the size of groups and the expertise of the counsellors.

Some things that were well received were the canoe orienteering race, canoeing contests as well as cooking and gadget making. A possibility for next year, if the site of the program is stationary is to have solo overnights available to those interested.

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM	Cook wake up
8:30	Breakfast
9:30	Morning program - water
11:00	General swim - lunch preparation
12:00	Lunch
12:30 PM	Rest period
1:30	Afternoon program - land
3:00	Practice
4:00	General swim - supper preparation
5:30	Supper
6:30	Varied activity
8:00	Evening fire

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Date: August 21-25

At Kamp

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Breakfast	Bacon/Eggs Cereal/milk Tang/coffee Toast	Eggs/toast Tang/coffee	Bacon/toast Tang/coffee
Lunch	Soup Sandwiches Cold meats Cheese whiz Fruit/juice	Cooked Prem Brown sugar Raisins Canned fruit Bug juice	Soup Sardines Dates Semi-sweet choc. Bug juice
Dinner	Soup Hot dogs Chips Milk Donuts Hamburger dinner Buns/mustard Whole tomatoes Bug/coffee	Soup Stew/turkey Instant pudding Bug/coffee	Soup Camp fire Baked Pot Cookies Bug/coffee Hot choc.
	Friday	Saturday	
Breakfast	Pancakes Tea bisk Tang/coffee	Red River Raisins Tang/coffee	
Lunch	Soup Banoke Sandwiches Corned beef Mustard Prunes Bug juice	Kraft Dinner Bug juice	
Dinner	Soup Spaghetti Sauce Canned fruit Bug/coffee	Soup Chicken fried Rice Soya sauce Instant pudding Bug/hot choc/ Coffee	

Date: August 26-28

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Breakfast	French toast Fresh eggs Tang/coffee	Cold cereal Raisins Toast/jam Tang/coffee	Breakfast at Kamp Cereal/bacon Toast/egg Tang/coffee
Lunch	Hot dogs/3 each Canned beans Bug juice	Soup Sandwiches Prem/Cheese whiz Bug juice	
Dinner	Soup Stew/beef Fresh fruit Bug/coffee	Soup Tuna Dinner White sauce Veg. Semi-sweet choc. Bug/coffee	

Extra - Hot cereal i.e. Red River
Oatmeal to be used as option if need

Extra - Soups for lunch should be
used as an option depending on time
and weather

Extra - Ground beef should be kept
at camp also boiled corned beef/
hash potatoes/onions/carrots, etc.

Monday supper - may be back at camp.

Equipment

Equipment came from three different sources. Part from Les Voyageurs, Hike & Trip and a local Hardware Store.

HIKE & TRIP

4 Tarps
6 Trippers (packs)
4 Overnights (packs)
6 Jars
6 Compasses
7 Maps
2 Fry pans
2 Can openers
2 Shovels
2 Tin foil
2 Matches
2 Toilet Paper
24 Garbage bags
2 Bars of soap
10 Canoes
16 Lifejackets (Waterfront)
2 Axes
2 Pails

LES VOYAGEURS

3 Compasses
2 - 9 Man tents
2 - Elys
2 Nesting pots
2 First Aid kits
2 Spatulas
2 Cooking spoons
2 Repair kits
2 Bow saws

LOCAL HARDWARE

100 ft. Manila rope 1/4"
14 Candles
2 Kurley Kate
2 lbs. 2" Nails

Finances

Each of the 13 campers paid \$65.00 giving a gross income of \$845.00.

Expenses (approximate)

Food: IGA (St. Sauveur)	\$100.00
KK Kitchen	20.00
Hike & Trip	20.00
Salaries: Director	100.00
Counsellors (\$75.00 x 2)	150.00
Transportation:	20.00
Hardware Store:	<u>5.00</u>
Total	\$415.00

Objectives, Goals & Awards

We were not given any objectives or goals of Wilderness Camp. We felt some sort of motivation in the sense of an award was needed. We therefore devised two awards called Wilderness I and II.

The Wilderness II award consisted basically of Kanawana's "C" Campcraft and "C" Canoeing, while the Wilderness I consisted of the same plus an evident degree of comfortability in the woods.

Our goals were that all campers achieve one of these two awards.
(All were successful)

The award consisted of a letter sent to the boys from the Director.
Copies are on file at the Camp Office.

Award Results

	<u>Award</u>	<u>Age</u>
Ralph Barqueiro	W-I	16
John Beaton	W-II	13
Scott Browning	W-I	13
Brian Clarke	W-II	12
John Duff	W-II	14
Francois Durivage	W-I	13
David Hart	W-I	14
Kevin Gibb	W-I	14
Andre Masson	W-II	13
John Payne	W-I	14
Scott Turner	W-II	12
Sandy Wilson	W-I	12
Ian Wright	W-II	13

Campers

The campers' ages varied from 12 to 14, with one 16 year old.

The program is suitable for this age group, but the tent groups should be set up according to age with consideration to maturity and ability, especially for "border-line" cases.

Tent groups of 6-8 are optimal with one counsellor per group and each group at a different site.

Recommendations

1. Wilderness Czmp should not start on the day Kanawana ends. The timing this year made it difficult for the Wilderness staff in terms of time off, equipment and program preparation. I would suggest a 2-3 day break between K.K. and Wilderness.
2. The campers of the program should be moved out of K.K. as soon as possible and return from their sites as late as possible. This can be facilitated with a 9:00 AM start and a 5:00 PM closing instead of 12:30 PM for both.
3. The campers should have a minimal exposure to camp and people from outside the program. There was a problem with several unannounced groups from Camp Tamaracouta. This should be looked into. Please see K.K. report '73 - D. Walsh.
4. Another possible program that could be run with Wilderness is a couple of one week canoe trips. I am sure there would be interest in something of this sort.

As well, Wilderness Camp could just consist of a canoe trip(s) and have the learning experience in other than a stationary campsite.

Conclusion

The success of this program had very little to do with me. I must give credit and thanks to John and Perry for the aforementioned results. This program should be continued and expanded if people of John's and Perry's caliber are available.

Respectfully submitted,

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Wilderness Camp '73